

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (cancelled)
2. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 7, wherein the modulation path is selected from an In-phase (I) branch and a Quadrature (Q) branch.
3. (original) The method as in claim 2, wherein the first channel is a dedicated physical channel on an uplink in the wireless communication system.
4. (Previously Presented) The method as in claim 3, wherein the wireless communication system includes a plurality of dedicated data channels and at least one dedicated control channel.
5. (cancelled)
6. (cancelled)
7. (Previously Presented) In a wireless communication system, a method comprising:
  - determining a transmission configuration for a first channel as a function of Peak-to-Average Ratio (PAR) on the first channel, the transmission configuration including a spreading code and a modulation path;
  - if the spreading code is used by another channel in the wireless communication system, determining the next best optimum transmission configuration, based on a resultant PAR value; and
  - applying the next best optimum transmission configuration to the first channel.

8. (Previously Presented) A wireless communication apparatus, comprising:
- means for determining a transmission configuration for a first channel as a function of Peak-to-Average Ratio (PAR) on the first channel, the transmission configuration including a spreading code and a modulation path;
  - means for determining the next best optimum transmission configuration, based on a resultant PAR value, if the spreading code is used by another channel in the wireless communication system; and
  - means for applying the next best transmission configuration to the first channel.
9. (Previously Presented) A wireless apparatus, comprising:
- a first transmission pair selection unit for determining a transmission configuration for a first channel as a function of Peak-to-Average Ratio (PAR) on the first channel, the transmission configuration including a spreading code and a modulation path;
  - a determination unit for determining whether the spreading code is in use on another channel; and
  - a second transmission pair selection unit for determining the next best optimum transmission configuration, based on a resultant PAR value, if the spreading code is used by another channel in the wireless communication system.